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Greetings From the East

My Brethren:

Phoenix Lodge has been hopping this year, and our new Secretary Brother Harold Williams has been as busy as the bees he raises out on Tuttle Hill Road, trying to keep up with all the new petitions, and learning all the regulations required in his new position as secretary of our lodge.

I know of the many hours he has spent getting all these records in order, and sending out letters for transfers and reinstatements this year. So I would like to send out our thanks and appreciation to our Secretary for the fine job he is doing.

We made a visitation to Pontiac March 8, and Brother Kenneth L. Bains Worshipful Master of Roosevelt Lodge No. 510 and his officers conferred the E. A. Degree on two of our candidates.

On March 9 we travelled to Detroit where Brother Bill Waits Worshipful Master of Detroit Craft No. 576 and his officers conferred the E. A. degree on two more of our candidates. Thanks Brother Kenneth, and Brother Bill for the help you and your officers have given our lodge.

Phoenix has had 14 men to receive the E.A. degree in March and April, so you can see we have been busy so far this year.

March 20 we had our first Master Mason dinner of the year. There were 128 in attendance at this dinner. As this was our Ford Night I

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NOTE ON TEMPLE

We have donations totaling $405.00 from March 10 thru April 10, 1973 by the following members: Charles Andress, Fred Baldwin, Charlie Bishop, Dale Cleland, John Coburn, William Crawford, William Crow, Raymond Dell, Leslie Doerr, Alva Eardley, Marvin Frye, C. K. Hogston, Stuart Hope, Clifford Justice, Donald Knapp, Charles Lindhort, Otis McDaniel Jr., Henry Mason, Theodore Parker, Paul Salley, Howard Pebbles, Carl Sandell, Hebert Schock, L. O. Seamans, J. W. Shough, Geo Thornton, Charles White, Dale Zander, Dean Wickline.

We have a goal of $8,000.00 we would like to meet by everyone donating $10 each. If you would like to make your donation. Send check payable to: The Ypsilanti Masonic Association 76 Huron Street, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197.

Thanks to everyone for your donations and support toward our lodge.

ANNUAL PICNIC

June 24 — **Time** - 12:00 p..m. to 4:00 p.m. **Place** - 919 E. Clark Road, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Allen.

All Masonic bodies and their families are cordially invited.

The lodge will furnish the meat and soft drinks. You are to bring one dish to pass, and your own place setting including plastic ware.

The Allen's have a large swimming pool which we have permission to use during the afternoon. If any one in your family likes to swim, don't forget to bring your swim suit. To those wanting to play ball please bring balls, bats, and gloves.

We would like to have a record attendance at our picnic this year, so pass it around to your friends the wonderful time we have had in the past. Four or five hundred should be sufficient.

Fraternally,
William Friend I.W.

Bowling News

The big news in Masonic Bowling was the Central States Craftsmen Bowling Tournament which as far as Ypsilanti is concerned was last weekend. The weather in Parkersburg was delightful, and it appears there were as many ways to get there as there were people driving.

A goodly contingent was on

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Trestle Board

E.A. Degree, 1st Tuesday of each month — time 6:30 P.M. - Refreshments

Regular Communication 2nd Tuesday of each month — time 7:00 P.M. Refreshments.

Master Mason Degree 3rd Tuesday of each month — time 5:30 P.M. Dinner 6:30 P.M.

Fellowcraft Degree 4th Tuesday of each month — time 7:00 P.M. Refreshments.

Junior Warden Month

May 1 — Enterred Apprentice Degree

May 5 — Visitation to Niles to confer the Master Mason Degree. We will meet at the Temple at 1:00 p.m. before making this trip.

May 8 — Regular

May 15 — Master Mason Degree — General Motors Night

May 22 — Fellowcrft Degree

May 29 — DeMolay Degree, dinner 6:30 p.m.

Senior Warden Month

June 5 — Enterred Apprentice Degree

June 12 — Regular

June 19 — Master Mason Degree

June 24 — Annual Pinic

June 26 — Fellowcraft Degree

Lodge will be dark July and August

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THE LAMB SKIN

It is not ornamental, the cost is not great,
There are other things more useful, yet truly I state,
Tho of all my possessions, there's none can compare,
With that white leathern apron, which all Masons wear.

As a young lad I wondered just what it all meant,
When Dad huslted around, and so much time was spent
On shaving and dressing and looking just right,
Until mother would say: "It's the Masons tonight."

And some winter nights she said, "What makes you go,
Way up there tonight thru sleet and snow,
You see the same things every month of the year."
Then Dad would reply: "Yes, I know it, my dear."

Forty years I have seen the same things, it is true.
And tho they are old, they always seem new.
For the hands that I clasp, and the friends that I greet,
Seem a little bit closer each time that we meet.

Years later I stood at that very same door,
With good men and true who had entered before,
I knelt at the altar, and there I was taught
That virtue and honor can never be bought.

That the spotless white lambskin all Masons revere,
If worthily worn grows more precious each year,
That service to others bring blessings untold,
That man may be poor tho surrounded by gold.

I learned that true brotherhood flourished there,
That emnities fade 'neath the compass and square
That wealth and position are all thrust aside,
As there on the level men meet and abide.

So honor the lambskin, may it always remain
Forever unblemished, and free from all stain.
And when we are called to the great Father's love,
May we all take our place in the Lodge up above.
Composed by Edgar A. Guest

BOWLING NEWS

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hand with many wives attending. Emerson Lanes in North Parkersburg was in good shape with only a very few malfunctions.

Personally I had one of my best tournaments as the pins seemed to be livelier than usual. If I could have done as well in league play my team would surely be higher in the standings.

My team in the team competition did very well. All of the members had over a 500 series and gave us an actual 2781, and with our handicap gave us over 3200. The members of the team were Jack Francis, Lyn Caig, Dan Doss, and Frank Meadows. We hope to get a little of our money back.

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took a head count of the Ford employees present, and I counted 68.

Our Worthy Matron Pearl Gale O.E.S. No. 119 and her officers prepared one of the finest meals anyone could ask for. And what made it even more outstanding, is that with the rising cost of beef this year, they prepared steak for this dinner.

Brother Charles Hall P.M., and Brother Tony Tonda P.M. has everyone participating in our Fellowcraft Team this year and this has really improved the degree team as well as our attendance this year.

Brother Otis McDaniel Jr. has presented our Fellowcraft Teams with a disguise kit, and we also have twelve Fellowcraft caps on order.

Our Fellocwraft team and members of our lodge will be travelling to Niles, Michigan, May 5 to confer the Master Mason degree on one of our candidates. We will do the first and second section of the degree work. See you in Lodge next Tuesday.

Fraternally,
George L. Thornton, Jr.
Worshipful Master

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Looking Back In Time

August 10, 1970: Disaster strikes, and the Masonic Temple is destroyed by fire.. The fire was spotted at 11:30 P.M., and under control at 3:00 A.M. It is reported that a teenager broke into the Temple and while rummaging around in the building he tripped and lost a lit candle. Moments later the Temple was on fire. The teenager ran and was apprehended by the Police Dept.

Worshipful Master Tony Tonda was out of town, but was called and the following day he proceeded to do the things necessary to have our meetings in the Belleville Masonic Temple. Brother Tony made the remark, that the Phoenix Bird rose from the ashes to live for another 400 years, and the same will be true of Phoenix No. 13. Well Brother Tony we have seen Phoenix No. 13 rise from the ashes, and with support you have given our lodge in this time of trial, we will make Phoenix No. 13 even better than it was in January 1970.

May 17, 1969, Worshipful Master Herb Schock and the fellowcraft team made a trip to Niles, Michigan to exemplify the Master Mason Degree. The Niles Lodge St. Joseph Valley No. 4 is among the oldest lodges in the state having been founded in 1842.

Brothers making the trip were Lonnie Reed, Corbit Tackett, Herb Schock, Raymond Stubbs, Tom Hyatt, Charley Bohn, Frank Daniels, James Smith, Otis McDaniel Jr., Nels Mickleson, James Carothers, Bob Thompson, Merv Shannon, George Chapman, Gene Roberts, Forest Bulifant, John Gale, Walter Prieskorn, Charles White, Clayton Proctor, and Charles Fagin.

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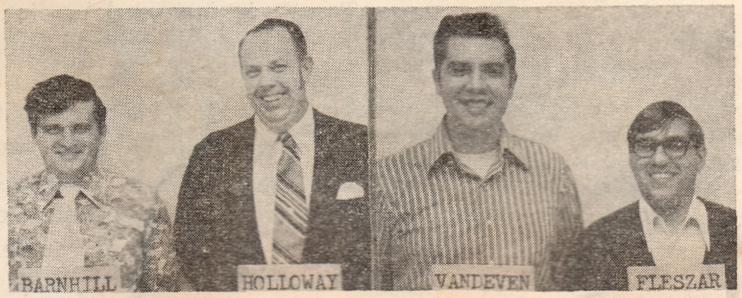

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Are We Using Our Working Tools?

By F. Walter Mueller, 33°

Many times I have wondered and marveled at what the "wise and virtuous men" have given to us in our Masonic Rituals. Let us consider the "Working Tools."

As Freemasons, certain tools are given to us symbolically to use. These are not to be set aside to rust, deteriorate, or become useless. For without practicing the use of any tool, we lose the art of using it.

The tools we are given are not to be used in any way except that way in which we are taught to use them. In fact we are interestingly and most impressively told what will happen if we misuse them. We can destroy character by using them improperly.

One should realize that if we followed only one of the admonishments in the uses of our working tools, we would build character quite acceptable to be examined before the Great White Throne.

But we must be realistic — we are mortal men. Therefore, we err and we never can attain Perfection. We never really can be "one of the greatest and best of men that ever lived." If we could, then we really would be worthy to be called "Masters" and "Master Masons."

We are given something toward which we should try to aspire. Each of us should try to be an exemplar. Albert Pike gave us a wonderful bit of philosophy:

"Human wisdom must always be limited and incorrect; even right opinion is only something intermediate between ignorance and knowledge. The normal conditioning of man is that of progress. Philosophy is a kind of journey, ever learning yet never arriving at the ideal of perfection of truth. A Mason, like the wise Socrates, should assume the modest title of a lover of Wisdom, for he must ever long after something more excellent than he possesses, something still beyond his reach, which he desires to make eternally his own."

I am overwhelmed with the tremendous task of enumerating the working tools which are given to us and developing their spiritual aspects. We are given a most concentrated capsule overflowing with an abundance of thoughts. Some few can be pointed out with a prayer that these might lead others to seek and find our "Acres of Diamonds" which are priceless jewels of thought for contriving a structure which is the immortal part of man.

Of course, the first and greatest is "Our Rule and Guide." Does one need to tell of the spiritual development attainable by its use — its rightful use? If one focuses his mind he can see jus exactly what he seeks. It depends on how one sets his sights as to where he shoots and what he obtains in the hunt!

Let us recall the first admonition: "Before proceeding upon any great or important undertaking . . ." Herein is a priceless working tool that is sometimes overlooked. Prayer is man's conscious reaching to the Great Consciousness to be "at one with God." When man finds this Key, "woe unto him that uses it selfishly." For its wrong use can and does destroy both "that house" and the man.

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